

**For more information about backflow prevention, call the senior engineer for the Cross Connection Control Program at (804) 748-1280.**

**For information about lawn care and irrigation recommendations, contact Chesterfield County's Extension Office at (804) 751-4401.**

Chesterfield County, Virginia

# **Residential Companion Meter for Irrigation Service**

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**Department of Utilities  
(804) 748-1862**

**Chesterfield County Utilities offers a residential companion meter to measure outside water use separately. With this meter, service charges for wastewater are eliminated. The residential companion meter is available at a cost of \$375.**

## **How do I get a residential companion meter**

To receive a residential companion meter, obtain a county plumbing permit specifically for a residential companion meter for irrigation service. The plumbing permit must reflect that it is for a residential companion meter. Plumbing permits can be obtained at the Chesterfield County Department of Building Inspection, located in Room 118 in the three-story section of the Administration Building in the Chesterfield County Government Complex. The phone number for Building Inspection is (804) 748-1057.

Once the plumbing permit is obtained, contact the New Construction Section of Chesterfield County Utilities for a water connection application. The New Construction Section is located on the first floor of the Chesterfield County Utilities building located at 9840 Government Center Parkway. The phone number for the New Construction Section is (804) 748-1862.

## **When will it be installed**

Chesterfield County Utilities can usually install the residential companion meter within 10 to 15 business days

after it receives an application, plumbing permit number and a connection fee of \$375.

## **Where is it installed**

Chesterfield County Utilities will choose the exact location of the residential companion meter that is installed near the domestic meter. After the residential companion meter is installed, it is the customer's responsibility to connect the plumbing to the companion meter for outside water use. The customer may install his or her own irrigation service or contract the work to a plumber or irrigation contractor. The installation of the irrigation service must meet the county's plumbing requirements at all times.

Backflow prevention devices shall be tested by the plumber or irrigation contractor connecting the system. Test reports must be completed and returned to Chesterfield County Utilities.

When all work is completed, the customer must contact Chesterfield County Building Inspection for a final inspection.

## **How will I be billed**

After the residential companion meter is installed, the customer will receive two statements in one envelope. The irrigation service statement will show only the water consumption charge. The domestic service statement will contain all other water- and wastewater-related charges. The sum of the two bills may be paid by one check. Please enclose the payment stubs of each bill with your check.